2000). The increase in the staff strength by around 81,000 during the year 1999-2000, as indicated in the Expenditure Budget (Vol-I) (2000-2001), is merely an indicative figure and does not imply actual increase.

Debt recovery Tribunals in Karnataka

4637. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Debt Recovery Tribunals for Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh functioning in Karnataka;

(b) the number of cases pending in the Debt Recovery Tribunals, Bangalore;

(c) how many out of the above are from banks of Karnataka and how many from Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish Debt Recovery Tribunals at Hubli, Gulbarga, Mangalore in Karnataka for speedy disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) One Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT) at Bangalore for Karnataka and one at Hyderabad for Andhra Pradesh are functioning for expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to banks and financial institutions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(b) and (c) DRT, Bangalore has reported that as on 19-4-2000, 1409 cases were pending with it and all these cases pertained to the State of Karnataka.

(d) No, Sir.

Area Plan for Rural Industrialisation in Karnataka by NABARD

4638. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD propose to introduce area plan for Rural Industrialisation in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the taluks which are selected for this purpose;

(c) what are the objectives of the proposed plan; and